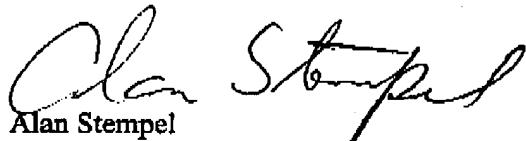


REMARKS

The action states, "Claims 1-6 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of copending Application No. 10/624,144."

It is noted that Application No. 10/624,144 is not a copending application. It is the present application. Obviously, the examiner did not intend to reject the present application as being unpatentable over itself. The issuance of a new action which will resolve this apparent typographical error is requested.

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